GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department – Allegations on poor performance in construction of Government Priority buildings and failed to attend the Video Conference / Review meeting – Disciplinary proceedings initiated and charges framed against **Sri A.V.S. Srinivas,** the then Executive Engineer / DPREO, Bapatla District and presently working as Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Machilipatnam, Krishna District under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Written Statement of Defence submitted – considered - Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.220. **Dated:13.03.2024.**

Read the following:

1)From the ENC, PR, Letter. No.Vig.III(1)/1980/2022, dt:04.08.2022.
2)G.O.Rt.No. 787, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dt:18.08.2022.
3)Written statement of defence dt:08.12.2023 of Sri A.V.S. Srinivas, the then EE / DPREO, Bapatla District and presently working as EE, PRI Division, Machilipatnam, Krishna District,.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, Government initiated disciplinary proceedings duly framing following articles of charge under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against **Sri A.V.S. Srinivas,** Executive Engineer / District Panchayat Raj Engineering Officer, Bapatla, Bapatla District, in respect of allegations on poor performance in construction of Government Priority buildings and failed to attend the Video Conference / Review meeting, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence:

Charge-1 :

That Sri **A.V.S. Srinivas,** Executive Engineer, District Panchayat Raj Engineering Officer, Bapatla, Bapatla District, has failed to attend the Video Conference Review meeting held by the Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Department with District Collectors in PR&RD items under MGNREGS on 04.08.2022 (through Video Conference) in spite of instructions of higher authorities. Hence, the charge.

Charge-2 :

That Sri **A.V.S. Srinivas,** Executive Engineer / District Panchayat Raj Engineering Officer, Bapatla, Bapatla District, is not up to the mark in construction of Government priority buildings under MGNREGS, Grama Sachivalayam Buildings, Rythu Bharosa

PTO.,

Kendras, YSR Health Clinics and his performance has been continuously poor despite continuous review and guidance by senior officers at various levels and he failed to improve his performance even though continuous attempt of motivating him. Thus, he is careless and negligent to duty and causes continuous poor performance. Hence, the Charge.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the charged officer Sri **A.V.S. Srinivas,** Executive Engineer, PR, Machilipatnam, Krishna District has submitted the written statement of defence.

3. In his written statement of defense, with regard to Charge-1, the Charged Officer has stated that he had attended Video Conference at District Collectorate, Guntur on 04.08.2022 as he was holding the charge of PRI Division, Guntur (Under shifting to Bapatla) and as he was kept in charge of the court cases of Guntur District. Though, he has attended Video Conference at Guntur that was not conveyed during VC to the Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Department by the Superintending Engineer, PR, Guntur and the District Collector, Guntur due to paucity of time. He requested to drop the charge 1. With regard to Charge-2, he stated that he joined as District Panchayat Raj Engineering Officer (i.e., DPREO), Bapatla on 22.06.2022 AN to look after and monitor the PR works of Bapatla District only. He was attached to the additional work load of Guntur District, High Court cases against MGNREGS & Other pending payments. There were many problems in establishing the new PRI Division, Bapatla and shifting Division from Guntur. He has stated that he had made correspondence with the higher officers (ie., Superintending Engineer, PR, Guntur, Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj & District Collector, Bapatla) regarding lack of staff at Bapatla (newly formed Division) and heavy workload of High Court cases from Guntur and Narasaraopeta Districts. But, no new staff was allotted by the higher authorities. The Charged Officer has requested to consider the administrative problems and heavy work load due to Court cases and drop further action against him in the matter.

4. Government, have examined the matter and observed that the Charged Officer was posted as District Panchayat Raj Engineering Officer (DPREO), Bapatla District (newly formed District) on 17.6.2022 and there was only (2) months period discharged by the charged officer in the newly formed Bapatla District till the date of issue of charges on 18.08.2022. As such, the contention of Charged Officer that there are administrative problems in the newly formed District and also work load of the Hon'ble High Court in Court cases is found convincing. Hence, Government have considered the written statement of defence of Charged Officer as found satisfactory.

5. Accordingly, the Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby drop further action against **Sri A.V.S. Srinivas**, Executive Engineer, PR, Machilipatnam, Krishna District, in the matter.

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6. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
Sri **A.V.S. Srinivas, the then** Executive Engineer, PR / DPREO, Bapatla and presently working as Executive Engineer, PR, Machilipatnam, Krishna District
through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada)

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